
Criminal Justice Minor

18-21 credit hours required. Open with restrictions to Sociology majors.

The Criminal Justice minor is an integrated interdisciplinary sequence of courses in the behavioral and social sciences focusing on the problem of crime. Criminology, as taught within the discipline of the minor, is broader conceptually and relevant to an analysis of criminal justice theory and practice, e.g., issues of prevention, control, legislation and sanctions, which of necessity rely upon a mix of approaches from cognate disciplines.

This minor – in conjunction with majors in cognate disciplines – enhances potential and background for career-entry employment in one of the subsystems of the criminal justice system, e.g., adult or juvenile corrections, law enforcement and security.

Required Courses:		Credits
SOCI 345	Criminology	3
SOCI 435	Sociology of Corrections and Punishment	3
SOCI 455	Sociology of Deviance and Social Control	3
SOCI 470	Field Research/Practicum	3

Special Note:

Requirements for Field/Research Practicum SOCI 470: students must have a minimum overall cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 in their minor courses to be selected for the practicum. If students do not meet this requirement, it is understood that they will take additional courses in consultation with their minor adviser.

Elective Courses:

6-9 credit hours, selected after consultation with adviser

Supplemental Recommended Courses:

students are strongly encouraged to select a number of electives from among the following

STAT 100	Statistics (MATH 125/PSYC 125/CIS 125 Probability and Statistics I)	3
COMM 324	Persuasive Speaking	3
CIS 233	Scientific Programming	3
ECON 305	Consumer Economics	3
COMP 304	Technical Writing	3
POLS 413	Civil Liberties	4
POLS 491	Public Policy Internship	4
SOCI 305	Sociology of the Family	3
SOCI 320	Work and Complex Organizations	3
PSYC 390	Tests and Measurements	3
PHIL 314	Contemporary Moral Issues	3